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Excise Police Cite 12 at Evansville Party After Noise Complaint

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (June 24) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 12 people at an Evansville party early this morning after someone called 911 to complain about excessive noise.

Around 1:30 a.m., the Indiana State Excise Police, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police investigated a loud noise complaint at a residence in the 100 block of N. Red Bank Road. A 911 caller told dispatch that a band was playing at this residence.

Because of the apparent size of the party, a plainclothes officer was sent inside. The officer found that there was a full bar set-up, including a Jägermeister machine and two kegs of beer. He was told that it cost \$7 for a cup with soft drinks and mixers, but the alcohol was free. The officer paid \$7 and had his hand marked. He then received a mixed alcoholic beverage. The officer observed about 100 people, several of whom appeared to be less than 21 years of age.

Additional officers then arrived at the residence to assist. As a result, nine minors were issued tickets for illegal consumption of alcohol.

Kristin Murray, 30, of Evansville, was preliminarily cited for sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit and unauthorized dealing in alcoholic beverages.

Kenneth Murray, 30, also of Evansville, was preliminarily cited for unauthorized dealing in alcoholic beverages. Mr. Murray, who formerly owned Woody's West, an Evansville bar, indicated that he supplied the liquor and Jägermeister Machine – left over from when he closed his bar.

Benjamin Koelling, 22, of Evansville, was preliminarily cited for sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit, furnishing or providing alcohol to a minor and possession of a keg without a registration label. Koelling allegedly provided two kegs of beer for the party.

In addition to the alcoholic beverages, kegs of beer and Jägermeister machine, \$199.00 was seized.

"Investigating the unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages will continue to be a priority for the state excise police," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Our agency's mission is enhanced by the cooperative spirit that was demonstrated by the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. Excise officers will continue to work with local and state law enforcement agencies to enhance public safety."

Excise police ask that anyone with information on illegal alcohol sales, underage drinking or other criminal activity call them at (812) 882-1292, or contact the local police department.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.